the American Joint Distribution Committee has done so much for their relief, makes America appear to them as the land of their hopes, the land from which "help comes".

The influence of American Jewry is marked even in the cultural life of the East European Jews. They have founded and maintain schools, orphanages, etc., and settle their curriculum; through officials sent to Eastern Europe they have introduced there their own methods in business and organization. Consciously or unconsciously they impress on the East European Jews the superiority of their own out-look, and American-Jewish influence penetrates into the remotest Jewish communities of Eastern Europe.

It is the view of the representative strata of American Jewry regarding the nature and future of Judaism that the tradition and culture maintained by the Jews for two thousand years is valuable and should be preserved, and that it in no way interferes with their full American citizen-ship. Jewish culture, of which religion forms a notable part, is to be maintained by means of the Jewish community, which is to preserve through the religious services the Jewish tradition among the adults and to teach it to the children. This view favours the adoption of English in place of Yiddish, and of secular education, but demands that Jewish tradition be maintained as expressed in religion, in

the ethics of the Prophets, in family life, and in Jewish folklore. It sets up the conception of "accommodation" as against that of assimilation; it desires two ethnic groups to exist side by side, each preserving its peculiarities, without there being any conflict between them, while the assimilationists wish the minority group to give up its individuality.

None the less it is difficult to draw a clear line between accommodation and assimilation. Once the Jews adopt the vernacular, receive their education in. it, and religion ceases to be the dominant factor in their lives, little room is left for Jewish tradition. Through the narrow channel of modern religious instruction, Jewish religion and Jewish